

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-57. Cancelled.

58. (Original) A dispenser for dispensing flexible sheet material from a roll, comprising:

 a chassis defining a web discharge opening and a feed mechanism for advancing the sheet material to the discharge opening;

 a detection system for detecting an absence of sheet material within said feed mechanism;

 a transfer mechanism for contacting a leading segment of sheet material extending from a roll and moving said sheet material into a feed nip of said feed mechanism, said transfer mechanism comprising:

 a transfer member biased toward said feed nip and into contact with said leading segment of sheet material;

 a transfer link movable between a first position wherein said transfer link retains said transfer bar away from said feed nip, against said bias, and a release position wherein said transfer link permits said transfer member to move toward said feed nip under said bias and into contact with said leading segment of sheet material; and

 an actuator for driving said transfer link from said first position to said release position; and

 control means for electrically activating said actuator to drive said transfer link from said first position to said release position in response to said detection system detecting an absence of sheet material within said feed mechanism.

59. (Original) The dispenser according to claim 58, further comprising a spring for biasing said transfer link toward said first position.

60. (Original) The dispenser according to claim 58, wherein said transfer link is pivotally mounted for rotation between said first position and said release position.

61. (Original) The dispenser according to claim 58, wherein said activator comprises a motor.

62. (Original) The dispenser according to claim 58, further comprising a cover pivotally mounted to said chassis for movement between an open position and a closed position, and wherein said transfer link is, when said cover is in said closed position, biased toward said nip by a spring positioned between said cover and said transfer link.

63. (Original) The dispenser according to claim 62, wherein said transfer link is pivotally mounted to fall away from said feed nip under gravitational force upon said cover being moved from said closed position to said open position.

64-87: Cancelled.